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1. The Hungarian plan for 1955 provides for the importation of 150,000 tons of oil from the Lobau district of Austria for refining in the Hungarian towns of Szőny or Almasfűzito. Furthermore, another 150,000 tons of Soviet oil are to be sent from Reni in the Soviet Union to Szőny for refining. The whole is then to be shipped back to Reni for consumption in the Soviet Union. 25X1
2. Although the quantity of deliveries from Lobau during 1955 was originally estimated to reach 150,000 tons, this figure has now been tentatively revised to 200,000 tons.
3. The Soviets have requested the Hungarian Danube river steamship company, MAHART, to work out the maximum quantity of lighting kerosene which can be transported by barge from Austria to Reni during the months of July, August and September 1955. At present MAHART estimate that they can handle 3,000 tons per month.
4. It is understood that the kerosene is to be stored in tanks in Reni and transshipped when required for distribution in the USSR. It is not known whether pipe-lines or only rail facilities are available for this task.

**Comment:** The importation of Soviet oil is due to the lack of refining capacity in the Soviet Union, and the available capacity in Hungary.

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